GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

MINES & MINERALS – Prospecting License for Gold, Iron, Tungston, Copper, Lead, Zinc, Silver and all associated minerals U/r 11 of M.C. Rules, 1960 read with Sec 11 (1) of MM (D&R) Act, 1957 over an extent of 9.00 Sq. Km. in Sadukonda R.F., Chittoor District, falling in Toposheet No.57K/5 for a period of (3) years in favour M/s Geomysore Services (India) Pvt. Ltd - Orders – Issued.

INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (M.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 63 Dt. 05.08.2015.

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.20, Industries & Commerce (M.III) Department, dt.10.01.2001.
2. P.L. Application dt.09.01.2004 of M/s Geomysore Services (India) Pvt. Ltd.
3. From the Director of Mines & Geology, Government of A.P., Hyderabad file No.17711/R4-1/2014, dt.20.12.2004.
4. Govt Lr.No.17716/M.III(2)/2004, dt.11.04.2005 addressed to the Ministry of Mines, GoI, New Delhi.
5. From the Ministry of Mines, GoI, New Delhi Lr.No.4/41/2005-M.IV, dt.20.06.2007.
6. From M/s Geomysore Services (India) Pvt. Ltd., Lrs.dt.15.02.2008, 02.12.2011, 03.09.2012, 06.11.2012 & 06.12.2012.
7. From the Director of Mines & Geology, Government of A.P., Hyderabad File No.17711/R4-1/2004, dt.05.01.2014.
8. MM (D&R) Amendment Act, 2015 issued by the Ministry of Law & Justice (Legislative Dept).

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O R D E R:

The Director of Mines and Geology, Government of A.P., Hyderabad in the reference 3rd read above, has furnished proposal for consideration of grant of Prospecting License for Gold, Iron, Tungston, Copper, Lead, Zinc, Silver and all associated minerals U/r 11 of M.C. Rules, 1960 read with Sec 11 (1) of MM (D&R) Act, 1957 over an extent of 9.00 Sq. Km. in Sadukonda R.F., Chittoor District, falling in Toposheet No.57K/5 for a period of (3) years in favour of M/s Geomysore Services (India) Pvt. Ltd.

2. The Director of Mines and Geology, Government of A.P., Hyderabad has submitted that M/s Geomysore Services (India) Pvt. Ltd., has filed an application for grant of P.L. over the subject area which was received in the O/o ADM&G, Palamaneru on 09.01.2004 with the following Co-ordinates stating that the ADM&G, Palamaneru who submitted the proposal on 10.03.2004 informing that inspection could not be taken up due to large extent and also the entire area falls under Forest and applied area covering partly of Patta lands/Government lands/Forest lands of Villages/Block:

Point	Latitudes	Longitudes
A	78° 26′ 26.54″	13° 53′ 42.38″
B	78° 26′ 59.95″	13° 53′ 42.66″
C	78° 27′ 52.87″	13° 50′ 57.11″
D	78° 26′ 29.24″	13° 50′ 56.42″

3. The Director of Mines & Geology, Government of A.P., Hyderabad has further stated that the area was earlier held under Reconnaissance Permit by the Company, which was granted vide reference 1st read above, over an extent of 375 Sq.Kms. During the R.P. period, the applicant Company, has not conducted either airborne Geophysical survey or Magnetic survey and the (3) years period for the R.P. was over by 29.01.2004. The R.P. holder submitted the complete prospecting report for the (3) years held by them and the anomalies stated in the said report gives the indication of occurrence of Diamond bearing Kimberlite pipes. The Company, after completion of (3) years has relinquished certain areas and retained specific areas where the reserves for occurrence of Kimberlite pipes are encouraging and chosen for applying as P.L. and accordingly applied for P.L. over an extent of 9.00 Sq.Kms out of the R.P. area. The Company, which were earlier granted R.P.s to a total extent of 3,380 Sq.Kms in the reference 1st read above and by virtue of the said R.P.s have conducted Reconnaissance survey of all the areas and now applied for P.L.s. The DM&G has further stated that as per the affidavit the total area for which P.L. applications filed comes to an extent of 164.00 Sq.Kms which exceeds the ceiling limit of 25.00 Sq.Kms prescribed as per Sec 6(1)(b) of MM (D&R) Act, 1957 and hence requires permission and also clearance U/s 5 of MM (D&R) Act, 1957 from the Govt. of India as the applied mineral falls in Part C of the 1st Schedule.

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4. In the reference 4th read above, while informing the consent of the State Govt. the Ministry of Mines, Government of India, New Delhi was requested to convey their approval U/s 5(1) & 6(1) (b) of MM (D&R) Act, 1957 and subject to such further conditions as deemed fit in the matter.

5. The Ministry of Mines, Government of India, New Delhi, vide the reference 5th read above, has conveyed their approval with certain conditions U/s 5(1) with relaxation of Sec 6(1) (b) of MM (D&R) Act, 1957 to the grant of P.L. over the subject area in favour of M/s.Geomysore Services (India) Pvt. Ltd., for a period of (3) years, ensuring that the compliance of the amended provisions of the Act & Rules, and other applicable Acts & Rules including Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Environmental Notification dt.27.01.1994 as issued and amended by Ministry of Environment & Forests.

6. On receipt of certain representations with regard to the permanent structures in the said area, the DM&G has informed that the prospecting operations does not damage/disturb Permanent structures like Temples, etc.

7. The applicant Company vide their letters 6th read above, have informed that they have proposed to drill only 20 holes as per MoEF's Notification since the area of PL Block applied is 9.00 Sq. Kms which is as per the limits prescribed in Forest (Conservation) Act,1980.

8. After careful examination of the matter, the Government has come to a conclusion that the present proposal is for prospecting only and not for mining. The issue of Temples and any other heritage structures as well as role and activities of Vanasamrakshana Samithies can be considered when the grant of a Mining lease is considered. If the prospecting leads to discovery/confirmation of huge Iron Ore deposits etc., than at that stage a comprehensive view of the matter can be taken up.

9. Further, the matter has been examined with reference the recent MM (D&R) Amendment Act 2015, and it is observed that the proposal fulfils the conditions prescribed under Sec 10 A (2) (b) of the said Act to grant Prospecting License since the said company was granted a Reconnaissance Permit before the commencement of the Act.

10. The DM&G has also recommended for sanction of P.L. since the applicant Co., has not committed any breach of the terms & conditions of the R.P. and has not become ineligible under the provisions of the Act and applied for P.L. within a stipulated period.

11. Government, after careful consideration of the entire issue and the proposals of the Director of Mines & Geology, Government of A.P., Hyderabad hereby grant Prospecting License for Gold, Iron, Tungston, Copper, Lead, Zinc, Silver & all associated minerals U/r 11 of M.C. Rules, 1960 read with Sec 11 (1) of MM (D&R) Act, 1957 over an extent of 9.00 Sq. Km. in Sadukonda R.F., Chittoor District falling in Toposheet No.57K/5 for a period of (3) years in favour M/s.Geomysore Services (India) Pvt. Ltd., subject to the following terms & conditions:

(i) the applicant Company shall obtain the pattadar consent before entering into private lands.

(ii) the applicant Company shall get approval from the Forest Dept., before entering into the area under the jurisdiction of the Forest Department.

(iii) they should work the area leaving minimum 50.00 Mts. as safety distance to the places/structures of Public importance.

(iv) the applicant should not damage or disturb the structures of Public importance like Roads, Buildings, Monuments, Temples, Mosques, Churches, Rivers, Canals, Tanks, Electrical Substations, Telephonic exchanges, Village residential colonies, caves & trees etc.

(v) the applicant Co., shall invariably submit the plan of action of Prospecting along with grid pattern at the time execution of lease deed.

(vi) the applicant Company shall submit Scheme of Prospecting within (3) months from the date of execution.

(vii) the applicant Company shall analyze all the samples within India and submit reports in regular interval of (6) months.

(viii) such reports may also be submitted to IBM & GSI.

(ix) while sending the samples for analysis the applicant Company shall scrupulously follow the norms laid down for P.L. before transporting the Laboratory (payment of Royalty as per Schedule-III under Rule 14(1) (II) (a) & (b) of M.C. Rules, 1960 may be done as stipulated.

12. The rate of prospecting fee will be Rs.5/- (Rupees Five only) per Hectare of the land covered by the License for each year or portion of a year or as revised by the Government from time to time.

13. The grantee should deposit as security a sum of Rs.2,500 per every Square Kilometer and part thereof as prescribed in Rule 20 of the M.C. Rules, 1960 before the License deed is actually executed.

14. The grantee should execute the License deed within the time limit specified in Rule 15 of M.C. Rules, 1960.

15. The terms & conditions referred in paras 11-14 of this order are subject such further modifications, additions & alterations as may be ordered before the License deed is executed.

16. The Director of Mines & Geology, Government of A.P., Hyderabad shall take necessary further action for the execution of License deed after satisfying himself that the grantee fulfills all the required provisions of the amended Act & Rules. As soon as the License deed is executed, the date of such execution should be reported to the Govt.

Note: the grant is liable to cancellation, should it be found at later date that it was grossly inequitable or was made under a mistake of fact or owing to misrepresentation or fraud or in excess of authority.

(BY ORDER IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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The Director General of Mines Safety, Dhanbad, Bihar.
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